GENERALIZATION OF EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS ON THE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF FREONS 21, 22, AND 23

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A system of computational equations is developed and handbook tables for the thermal conductivity of Freons 21, 22 and 23 are compiled in a broad range of state parameters.

Existing handbook data on the thermal conductivity of Freons 21, 22, and 23 [1-7] are based on limited information and afford a possibility of determining λ for gaseous Freons only at atmospheric pressure and for liquid Freons near the saturation curve. Meanwhile, quite extensive experimental material on the thermal conductivity of the mentioned Freons has been accumulated up to now in a broad range of temperatures and pressures, including the rarefied and dense gas domain and for a liquid down to the crystallization curve. Hence, the purpose of this paper is to analyze existing experimental data on the thermal conductivity of Freons 21, 22, and 23, to extract the most reliable results, to develop a system of computational equations, and to compile tables of handbook data in a broad range of state parameters on this basis.

The greatest number of experimental researches on the thermal conductivity of the Freon group under consideration refer to Freon 22. A list of these paper is presented in Table 1.

To describe the thermal conductivity λ_t of gaseous Freon 22 at atmospheric pressure, we took account of the results of investigations [8, 15, 21, 23], which agreed within 3-5% limits and are assumed equally exact. The initial array of $\{\lambda_t, T\}$ data was composed of 37 experimental points in the 251-450°K temperature range for the joint processing of these results. The equation for λ_t is represented in the domain under consideration for the parameters in the form

$$\lambda_{\mathrm{T}} = \sum_{i=0}^{1} a_i T^i \tag{1}$$

The comparison between experimental values of λ_t and values computed by means of (1) is presented in Fig. 1.

There are only data [23] at pressures $p > p_s$ in the dense gas and liquid domains, which we processed in the form of a dependence of the excess thermal conductivity on the density:

$$\lambda - \lambda_{\rm T} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} b_i \rho^i; \tag{2}$$

hence, the array of $\{\lambda, \rho\}$ data included 118 experimental values of the thermal conductivity in the 10-900-kg/m³-density range.

The dependence of the excess thermal conductivity of Freon 22 on the density is unique in this range of parameters (for $\rho \leq 900 \text{ kg/m}^3$). At higher densities stratification of the excess thermal-conductivity isotherms occurs in the $\Delta\lambda$, ρ -coordinates and hence the following scheme was selected to generalize the data of liquid Freon 22 with respect to λ . Taking account of the specifics of using Freons as working bodies of refrigerators, for which the

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Fig. 1. Deviation (in %) of the experimental values of the thermal conductivity of gaseous Freon 22 at atmospheric pressure from the values computed by means of (1) as a function of the temperature (°K). 1) Data in [15]; 2) [21]; 3) [10]; 4) [23]; 5) [8].

data on the thermophysical properties are especially important near the elasticity curve, experimental values of the thermal conductivity along the saturation line were processed primarily in compiling the system of computational equations for λ_{1} and the pressure dependence of the thermal conductivity was determined by means of results from [23, 24] (the pressure dependence of the thermal conductivity of liquid Freon 22 was not studied in other papers).

It should be noted that existing methods of generalizing experimental results based on the selection of appropriate weights for each group according to the degree of their confidence can apparently result in affirmative results in the presence of initial quantities in satisfactory agreement and a relatively uniform distribution of the experimental points in the range of state parameters under consideration according to the data of different authors. Meanwhile, an analysis of the data on the thermal conductivity of liquid Freon 22 presented in Table 1 near the saturation line shows that it is impossible to consider the agreement between the mentioned results satisfactory in either their absolute values or, even more, their temperature history. The concentration of the experimental results turns out to be highest in the 230-300°K range, where the results in [14, 16] (which are lower compared to other data) have the greatest number of test points in this domain. Therefore, taking the average of the data of different authors even with their weights taken into account more or less objectively can result in substantial distortion of the temperature dependence of λ and significant errors during extrapolation toward low and high temperatures.

In connection with the above, we selected the following scheme in the computation of λ values to be recommended for Freon 22 in the boiling liquid state. The temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity was taken on the basis of two independent series of experiments performed in the M. V. Lomonosov Odessa Technological Institute [23, 24]. These measurements were made by an absolute stationary hot-wire method taking account of all its inherent corrections, include the broadest temperature range (from 113-353°K), and agree well enough with the most reliable results of other authors.

All the experimental material was divided into three groups to match the dependence obtained with the results of other measurements and to clarify the most probable values of λ_s . In the first group were results whose error was 1-2%, while in the second group it was 2-3%, and in the third group 3-5% (unfortunately, it is not possible to present a detailed analysis of the experimental research on whose basis the error in the data was estimated because of limited space in the paper). Results from [9], with the exception of the 310-343°K range (where an anomalous temperature history of the thermal conductivity is observed), as well as data from [22] were in the first group, while results from [8, 12, 13, 17, 20] comprised the second group, and [14] the third group. Results from [10, 11, 16] were excluded from consideration, since they differ substantially from all the remaining measurements.

The deviations of the experimental results of the papers mentioned from the dependence $\lambda_s - T$ obtained in processing the data in [23, 24] were then computed. To take the average

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TABLE 1. Papers Investigating the Thermal Conductivity of Freon 22

Provisional notation: c) coaxial cylinder method; w) hotwire method; p) plane-layer method; nw) nonstationary hot-wire method; r) regular thermal mode method; com) thermal comparator method.



Fig. 2. Deviation (in %) of experimental values of the thermal conductivity of liquid Freon 22 along the saturation line from those computed by means of (3) as a function of the temperature (°K): 1) data from [23, 24]; 2) [11]; 3) [18]; 4 [17]; 5 [22]; 6) [20]; 7) [13]; 8) [14]; 9) [10]; 10) [16]; 11) [8]; 12) [9].

of the deviations obtained, these latter were added with the signs taken into account, where the deviations of results from the first group of experimental data were taken into account with weight 1, the second with weight 0.5, and the third with weight 0.25. The absolute values of λ_s were then corrected by the magnitude of the mean deviation found in this way and hence the temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity (i.e., the quantity $[\partial \lambda / \partial T]_p$ determined from the results of [23, 24]) was conserved.

The initial array of $\{\lambda_s, T\}$ data compiled for the statistical processing by using an electronic computer included 113 experimental values of λ_s in the 113-360°K range. The equa-

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6	1,19704 0,33919 3,67110 9,77897 10,37926 5,12614 0,97589	$\begin{array}{c} -0,68156\\ 2,25599\\ 21,18587\\ -56,31672\\ 59,36453\\ -29,14068\\ 5,52094\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1,40965\\5,05850\\32,63514\\83,18183\\79,97439\\35,19539\\5,29561\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}0,94426\\ 4,45291\\ 16,91989\\ -49,13515\\ 51,61741\\ -24,96465\\ 4,66327\end{array}$

TABLE 2. Coefficients of (4)

TABLE 3. Coefficients of (1), (2), and (3)

Coefficients	Freon 21	Freon 22	Freon 23
$ \begin{array}{c} a_{0} \\ a_{1} \\ b_{1} \\ b_{2} \\ b_{3} \\ b_{4} \\ c_{1} \\ c_{2} \\ c_{3} \\ c_{4} \\ c_{5} \\ c_{6} \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$\begin{array}{c} -8,269\cdot10^{-3}\\ 6,330\cdot10^{-5}\\ 0,0340072\\ -0,000541\\ 0,02852\\ -0,007593\\ 0,53089\\ -1,06620\\ 4,58756\\ -8,36907\\ 6,92396\\ -1,98931 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -2,880\cdot10^{-8}\\ 5,425\cdot10^{-5}\\ 0,051855\\ -0,012754\\ 0,047425\\ -0,021362\\ 0,04288\\ 1,86268\\ -2,08494\\ -1,29820\\ 4,16977\\ -1,82558\end{array}$

tion for λ_s obtained on the basis of the principles mentioned is represented in the form*

$$\lambda_{s} = \lambda_{cr} + \sum_{i=1}^{6} c_{i} (T_{cr} - T)^{i/3}.$$
 (3)

For $T = T_{cr}$, $\lambda = \lambda_{cr}$, found from (2) and satisfying the condition $(\partial \lambda / \partial T)_{cr} \rightarrow \infty$. Deviations of the experimental results of different authors from the λ_s values of Freon 22 computed by means of (3) are presented in Fig. 2.

The pressure dependence of the thermal conductivity was determined by the following equation generalized for the Freon group under consideration:

$$(\lambda/\lambda_s)_{\rm T} = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^6 \alpha_{ij} (T/T_{\rm CT})^i (p/10p_{\rm CT})^j, \tag{4}$$

for whose compilation more than 270 { λ , p, T} values were used (including 125 for Freon 22) in the ranges $\tau = 0.3-1$ and $\pi = 1-12$. The coefficients of (4) are presented inTable 2.

Values of the thermal-conductivity coefficient computed by means of (4) agree with the experimental results in [23, 24] with an error not greater than the error in the test. It should be noted that (3) and (4) are valid for the whole liquid state domain down to the crystallization curve and pressures to 50-60 MPa.

The author knows of information on the anomalous behavior of the thermal conductivity in the critical domain which is expressed by the appearance of thermal conductivity maxima in the $\Delta\lambda$, ρ coordinates. Therefore, the value of $\lambda_{\rm CT}$ found by means of (2) does not correspond to the true magnitude of the thermal conductivity at the critical point. However, it should be noted that (3) can be transformed in an appropriate manner after accumulation of experimental results in this domain. The range of operation of (3) should be limited to the temperature 360-365°K.

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ature, °C	0,1	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	16	20
$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 10\\ 20\\ 30\\ 40\\ 50\\ 60\\ 70\\ 80\\ 90\\ 100\\ 100\\ 100\\ 120\\ 130\\ 140\\ 150\\ 160\\ 170\\ 180\\ 190\\ 900 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1090\\ 81,8\\ 86,9\\ 92,0\\ 97,2\\ 102,3\\ 107,5\\ 112,6\\ 117,7\\ 122,9\\ 128,0\\ 133,2\\ 143,4\\ 148,6\\ 153,7\\ 158,9\\ 164,0\\ 169,1\\ 174,3\\ \end{array}$		1098 1061 1024 988 952 916 881 846 812 778 746 714 683 167,1 170,9 174,8 167,1 170,9 174,8 178,9 183,25 191,9	$\begin{array}{c} 1108\\ 1071\\ 1035\\ 999\\ 964\\ 929\\ 895\\ 861\\ 828\\ 796\\ 764\\ 734\\ 704\\ 674\\ 645\\ 613\\ 561\\ 224\\ 222\\ 223\\ \end{array}$	1118 1082 1046 1011 976 942 909 876 844 312 782 753 724 696 668 638 605 562 501 346	1127 1092 1056 1022 988 954 921 889 858 828 799 771 743 716 689 660 633 600 633 600 564 520	1135 1100 1066 1031 998 965 933 901 871 871 842 813 786 760 734 709 681 655 627 598 566	1142 1108 1073 1006 974 942 911 882 853 826 800 774 853 826 800 774 950 725 699 672 645 618 590	1152 1118 1084 986 955 926 897 870 844 820 796 774 752 727 704 681 659 637	1158 1124 1090 1056 1024 993 963 934 906 880 856 833 811 790 769 749 730 769 749 730 689 670

TABLE 4. Thermal Conductivity λ .	•10° of	Freon 21	[W/(m•`	′K)	J
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TABLE 5. Thermal Conductivity $\lambda \cdot 10^4$ of Freon 22 [W/(m·°K)]

Tompor				Pre	ssure, N	мРа				
ature, °C	0,1	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	16	20
$\begin{array}{c} -40 \\ -30 \\ -20 \\ -10 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ 20 \\ 30 \\ 40 \\ 50 \\ 60 \\ 70 \\ 80 \\ 90 \\ 100 \\ 110 \\ 120 \\ 130 \\ 140 \\ 150 \\ 160 \\ 160 \\ 170 \\ 180 \\ 190 \\ 200 \end{array}$	66,5 72,7 79,0 85,3 91,5 97,8 104,1 110,4 116,7 123,0 129,3 135,6 141,9 148,2 154,5 160,8 167,1 173,4 179,7 186,0 192,3 198,6 205 211 218	$\begin{array}{c} 1156\\ 1108\\ 1059\\ 1010\\ 962\\ 915\\ 868\\ 123,1\\ 128,6\\ 134,3\\ 140,1\\ 145,9\\ 151,8\\ 157,8\\ 163,7\\ 169,7\\ 175,7\\ 175,7\\ 177,0\\ 187,8\\ 193,9\\ 200\\ 206\\ 212\\ 218\\ 224 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1162\\ 1114\\ 1065\\ 1017\\ 970\\ 923\\ 877\\ 832\\ 788\\ 744\\ 156,4\\ 165,6\\ 170,6\\ 175,8\\ 181,2\\ 186,7\\ 192,3\\ 197,9\\ 204\\ 209\\ 215\\ 221\\ 227\\ 233\\ \end{array}$	1174 1126 1079 1032 986 941 896 853 810 768 726 680 610 217 214 214 214 214 219 223 227 231 236 241 246 251	$\begin{array}{c} 1186\\ 1139\\ 1093\\ 1047\\ 1002\\ 958\\ 915\\ 8732\\ 832\\ 792\\ 751\\ 707\\ 654\\ 596\\ 502\\ 316\\ 275\\ 264\\ 260\\ 259\\ 260\\ 263\\ 266\\ 269\\ 263\\ 266\\ 269\\ 269\\ 273\\ \end{array}$	1197 1151 1061 1017 974 932 852 852 852 814 774 732 683 639 587 521 433 361 326 309 302 298 297 299	$\begin{array}{c} 1206\\ 1161\\ 116\\ 1072\\ 987\\ 947\\ 908\\ 870\\ 832\\ 795\\ 753\\ 706\\ 669\\ 628\\ 584\\ 532\\ 474\\ 420\\ 382\\ 359\\ 341\\ 336\\ 332\\ 330\\ \end{array}$	1214 1170 1125 1082 1040 999 959 921 884 849 812 773 726 694 658 621 582 540 694 455 423 399 383 372 365	$\begin{array}{c} 1226\\ 1181\\ 1137\\ 1095\\ 1054\\ 1014\\ 977\\ 9406\\ 873\\ 839\\ 803\\ 759\\ 730\\ 701\\ 672\\ 643\\ 614\\ 584\\ 554\\ 525\\ 498\\ 474\\ 455\\ 440\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1232\\ 1188\\ 1148\\ 1103\\ 1062\\ 1023\\ 987\\ 953\\ 920\\ 889\\ 858\\ 823\\ 787\\ 761\\ 735\\ 710\\ 685\\ 660\\ 636\\ 612\\ 589\\ 566\\ 545\\ 525\\ 507\\ \end{array}$
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Systems of computational equations of λ for the other Freons of this group were compiled by an analogous method. The initial array of { λ_{t} , T} data for Freon 21 included 31 experimental values of λ_{t} in the 240-465°K range according to the results of [10, 15, 29], the array of { λ , ρ } data included 36 values of λ in the 10-230 kg/m³ density range according to results in [29], and the array of { λ_{s} , T} data included 40 values of λ_{s} in the 148-432°K temperature range according to the results in [17, 20, 29, 30]. A total of 50 { λ , p, T} values in the 210-432°K temperature and 5-59-MPa-pressure ranges according to the data in [30] were used in compiling (4).

The information about the $\{\lambda_{t}, T\}$ and $\{\lambda, \rho\}$ dependences for Freon 23 was borrowed from [31] (12 and 94 experimental values, respectively, in the 283-435°K temperature and 10-800 kg/m³ density ranges). Data in [20] in the 148-268°K range (8 experimental points) and in [24, 31] in the 118-292°K range (32 experimental points) were used to describe the thermal conductivity of liquid Freon 23 along the saturation curve. Discrepancies between these re-

Temper-				Pre	ssure, l	мРа				
ature, *C	0,1	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	16	20
$\begin{array}{c} -80 \\ -70 \\ -60 \\ -50 \\ -40 \\ -30 \\ -20 \\ -10 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ 20 \\ 30 \\ 40 \\ 50 \\ 60 \\ 70 \\ 80 \\ 90 \\ 100 \\ 110 \\ 120 \\ \end{array}$	0,1 75,9 81,3 86,7 92,1 97,6 103,0 108,4 113,8 119,2 124,7 130,1 135,5 140,9 146,3 151,8 157,2 162,6 168,0 173,4 178,9 184,3 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,9 184,3 178,4 178,9 184,3 178,4 178,9 184,3 195,5 195,5 195,6 195,7 195,6 195,7 19	$\begin{array}{c} 1\\ 1338\\ 1262\\ 1186\\ 1110\\ 1033\\ 124,8\\ 128,6\\ 132,8\\ 137,1\\ 141,6\\ 146,3\\ 151,0\\ 155,8\\ 160,6\\ 165,5\\ 175,4\\ 185,5\\ 175,4\\ 180,4\\ 185,5\\ 199,6\\ 195,6\end{array}$	2 1345 1270 1195 1119 1044 969 896 824 161,5 163,4 166,3 172,9 176,7 180,8 185,0 189,3 193,8 198,3 203	4 1360 1287 1213 1139 1066 993 922 852 782 706 245 227 221 219 229 229 222 224 222 224 227 233	6 1375 1303 1231 1159 1087 1017 948 880 811 737 593 346 293 276 268 263 261 261 261 261 263	8 1389 1318 1247 1176 1038 970 905 838 766 757 686 588 460 377 339 320 309 302 298	10 1401 1331 1261 1191 1123 1056 990 926 862 791 786 731 665 586 503 437 394 369 352 342 335	12 1411 1341 1272 1204 1107 1007 945 882 813 809 763 710 650 586 525 586 525 473 435 408 390 377	16 1423 1355 1287 1220 1155 1092 913 847 847 847 847 847 767 724 639 634 590 549 515 484	20 1430 1362 1295 1229 1165 1046 990 934 870 871 839 806 771 735 698 662 627 595 560
120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200	$ \begin{array}{c} 104,5\\ 189,7\\ 195,1\\ 200\\ 206\\ 211\\ 217\\ 222\\ 228\\ \end{array} $	201 206 211 216 221 227 232 237	208 212 217 222 232 236 241 246	233 237 241 245 249 253 257 261 266	203 265 267 270 272 276 279 282 286	296 296 297 298 300 302 304 306	330 327 326 325 325 326 327 328	368 361 357 354 352 351 351 350	404 447 433 422 414 408 404 399 395	$ 540 \\ 519 \\ 500 \\ 486 \\ 473 \\ 463 \\ 455 \\ 448 \\ 440 $

TABLE 6. Thermal Conductivity $\lambda \cdot 10^4$ of Freon 23 [W/(m·°K)]

TABLE 7. Thermal Conductivity $\lambda \cdot 10^4$ of Freons 21, 22, and 23 during the Saturation Time [W/(m $\cdot ^{\circ}$ K)]

°C	Frec	on 21	Fre	on 22	Frec	on 23	- 2 0	Freo	n 21	Freo	n 22	Freo	n 23
Tempature,	λ'.	λ″	λ'	λ″	λ'	λ"	Temp ature,	λ'	λ"	λ'	λ"	λ'	λ″
80	<u> </u>				1331	78 7	50	905	106.6	749	151 3		
70					1257	85 9	60	869	113.2	703	166.6		
60					1183	93,9	70	836	120,0	658	185,2		
50	¹		—	—	1109	102,9	80	804	127,3	609	210		
40	—		1150	66,9	1032	113,1	90	770	135,1	533	250		
			1102	73,8	958	125,2	100	741	143,5				
-20	—		1055	81,2	891	139,5	110	712	152,6		_		-
10			1008	89,1	822	157,1	120	681	162,8	—			
0	1087	77,4	956	97,5	753	179,7	130	654	174,4				
10	1050	82,9	912	106,5	683	211	140	625	187,8				
20	1013	88,6	866	116,1	587	264	150	596	204		-		
30	976	94,4	824	126,6) —		160	562	225		-		
40	941	100,4	784	138,2	—		170	508	257	—	-		
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sults do not exceed 2.5% and hence were assumed equally exact during the processing. A total of 96 test { λ , p, T} values of Freon 23 in the 118-290°K temperature and the 59 MPa pressure p_s ranges according to data in [24, 31] were used in forming the generalized equation (4).

The coefficients of (1), (2), and (3) are represented in Table 3, while values of thermal conductivity of Freons 21, 22, and 23 in a single-phase domain are presented in Tables 4-6. These tables are computed in the temperature range from the normal boiling point to 200°C at pressures up to 20 MPa.* Values of the thermal conductivity along the saturation curve (according to the temperatures) are given in Table 7.

*The system of equations proposed can be used to compute the thermal-conductivity equations down to the crystallization curve at pressures to 50-60 MPa.

It should be noted that investigations performed in recent years for a number of substances show that the uniqueness of the dependence $\Delta\lambda - \rho$ is not conserved near the saturation curve on the vapor side, in which connection the quantities λ'' presented in Table 7, just as the values of the thermal conductivity in the critical domain, should be considered approximate. The error in the recommended values of the thermal conductivity of Freons in the rest of the parameter domain apparently does not exceed 3-5%.

NOTATION

 λ , coefficient of thermal conductivity; λ_t , coefficient of thermal conductivity in the gas phase at atmospheric pressure; λ_s , λ' , and λ'' , coefficients of thermal conductivity on the saturation line; λ_{cr} , critical coefficient of thermal conductivity; T, temperature; p_s , saturation pressure; T_{cr} , critical temperature; ρ , density; α , b, c, α , coefficients.

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EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF THE THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF A BINARY Ar-Kr MIXTURE AT LOW TEMPERATURES

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New experimental results on the thermal conductivity of an Ar-Kr mixture in the 120-273°K temperature range are obtained.

There is a limited quantity of experimental results on the thermal conductivity of binary mixtures of monatomic gases in the $T \leq 273^{\circ}$ K temperature range at atmospheric pressure. Wachsmuth [1] measured the thermal conductivity of an He-Ar mixture at atmospheric pressure and a temperature near 273°K (273.1°K), as did Rychkova and Golubev [2] within the limits 196.66-372.86°K and pressures from 0.1-29.4 mN/m². The authors of [2] obtained values of the thermal conductivity for four compositions of a helium-argon mixture in the low-temperature measurement range at 196.66°K and at pressures from 0.1-29.4 mN/m². Davidson and Music [3] measured the thermal conductivity of a helium-neon mixture at 273.1°K at atmospheric pressure, and Srivastava and Madan [4] performed the measurements for a neon-argon mixture.

We first investigated the thermal conductivity of an Ar-Kr mixture experimentally in the T = 120-273°K temperature range at atmospheric pressure for five argon concentrations: 25, 50, 75, 90.15, and 98.5%. High-purity argon with a 99.987% content of the main substance and 99.97% krypton were used in the tests. The measurements were performed on an apparatus employing the absolute hot-wire method [5].

Experimental results of the temperature dependences of the thermal conductivity of the mixture on composition are presented in Table 1; the following notation is used: Q_H is the quantity of heat transferred by conduction from the wire through the layer of mixture under investigation to the inner wall of the measuring tube; T_1 and T_2 are readings of the inner and outer resistance thermometers; Q is the total quantity of heat liberated by the heater; Q_R is the quantity of heat transferred by radiation from the heater to the wall of the measuring tube; Q_C is the quantity of heat transferred along the current supplying and potential conductors; λ is the thermal conductivity of the mixture; T_{av} is the reference temperature; and ΔT_{mix} is the temperature drop in the mixture layer under investigation.

Corrections for heat removal from the ends of the heater, radiation, and the temperature drop in the wall of the glass tube of the measuring cell were taken into account in processing the measurement results.

As measurements and calculations showed, corrections to the readings of the inner thermometer according to the outer for nonheating currents before each measurement (ΔT_{grad}) , the

temperature jump, eccentricity, and change in geometric size of the cellwith temperature lie within the limits of experimental accuracy in the calculation of the thermal conductivity and hence were not introduced.

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